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Annex A

# Summary of OSS Records in the National Archives

The following three files on deposit in the National Archives were transferred by SBU, CIG, and CIA:

1. Five motion pictures, 1942-45, produced by the OSS Field Photo Branch, entitled: "December 7" (Hawaii before, during, and after the attack on Pearl Harbor); "Japanese Behavior"; "The Geography of Japan"; "Natural Resources of Japan"; and "Landing in Sicily" (35 reels in all). These films, which are described in detail in the National Archives public catalog (see excerpts, in Annex D), were all unclassified at the time they were offered for deposit by SBU, in November 1945, and they are so cataloged in the National Archives. It appears, however, that other prints of some of the same films (that is, those in the custody of Graphics Register/OCR) are variously classified "Confidential" and "US Official Use Only."

2. Property records of various OSS field installations, 1942-45; about 443 linear feet in bulk. This file contains requisitions, purchase orders, and similar papers relating to OSS procurement of property, equipment, supplies, and services. There have never been any public inquiries about this file, so it is understood from the National Archives official in charge of the file. Both the National Archives and the CIA Records Management Staff informally have favored the disposal of this file as useless records.

3. Correspondence file of the OSS Pictorial Records Section, including its Washington and New York Offices, 1942-45; 33 linear feet in bulk. The Pictorial Records Section was part of the OSS Research and Analysis Branch,

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and is apparently an "ancestor" of the present Graphics Register, OCR. This file was part of the OSS RIA archives which were inherited by the State Department in the liquidation of October 1945. Subsequently, however, the file was transferred by State to CIA, and in May 1948 it was in turn offered by CIA to the National Archives. For a more detailed description, see Annex B, pp. 3, 5.

(Note. Eight other OSS files on deposit in the National Archives were transferred by the State Department, and are under State control. For a detailed inventory of the entire deposit from both agencies, see Annex B.)

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OF THE  
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